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SUBJ: VISIT OF PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SPORTS TEAM TO CAE

REF: TUNIS 5293, BANGUI 1547 (NOTAL)

1. POST HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF ADVANCING DATE FOR VISIT OF PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE TEAM AS REQUESTED TUNIS REFTEL WITH GUY DARLAN, HEAD OF CAE BASKETBALL FEDERATION, AND EDUCATION/CULTURE MINISTER HENRI MAIDOU. DARLAN AND MAIDOU BELIEVE ARRIVAL AUGUST 2 WOULD BE EXHREMELY INCONVENIENT SINCE THIS HOULD BE IN MIDDLE OF CENTRAL AFRICAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DEVOTE FULL EFFORTS TO RECEPTION OF AMERICAN TEAM. SCHEDULE WORKED OUT BANGUI REFTEL HAS BEEN FIRMED UP, AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS THEREIN. DARLAN SAID THAT TEAM COULD ARRIVE AS EARLY AS AUGUST 7 (I.E., AIR AFRIQUE RK55, LEAVING PARIS 0900 AUG 7, ARRIVING BANGUI 1710) AND STILL BE ACCORDED APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

2. WE BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE TEAM COME TO BANGUI, BASED UPON EXPECTATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN CREATED LOCALLY. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF RECENT INCIDENTS, IT WOULD  
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BE INADVISABLE FOR TEAM TO ARRIVE BANGUI WITHOUT FULL SUPPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. PLEASE ADVISE.SMITH

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